(e) whether Government have reviewed the progress of ICDS in that State; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is being implemented in all the States of the country and the ICDS Scheme aims at holistic development of pre-school children and nutritional and health status of pregnant and nursing mothers belonging to deprived sections of the society through providing a package of services including supplementary nutrition, pre-school education, immunization, health check-up, nutrition and health education and referral services.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Covering 251 ICDS Projects.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. 31284 Anganwadi Centres are reporting in 251 ICDS Projects, benefiting about 19.84 lakh children below six years of age and 4.73 lakh pregnant women and nursing mothers. 9.36 lakh children were getting pre-school education, out of which 4.67 lakhs were girl children. (As on 30.9.2000)

Bal Poshahar Yojna

† 315. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction towards the news-item published under the title, Sarkar Ki laparvahi ka Jwalant Udaharan hai Bal Poshahar Yojna, appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated 28th December, 2000.

(b) what instructions have been issued by Government in this regard; and

(c) the norms fixed for compliance of these instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) 1238 Anganwadi Centres are operational in the Fatehpur district of Uttar Pradesh as per the reports received from the State Government. Supplementary nutrition to children below six years of age and pregnant and nursing mothers is being regularly provided through all Anganwadi Centres. The nutritious food is distributed to the beneficiaries in the presence of 'Swasthya Samities* constituted by the Gram Panchayats. Accordingly, as per the information received from the State Government no irregularity has been found in distribution of food.

(b) and (c) The pregnant women and nursing mothers are getting 900 grams of nutritious food per week, the children below three years are receiving 4S0 grams nutritious food per week and children between 3-6 years of age are getting supplementary nutrition every day on regualr basis as per the norms fixed by the State Government. All Project Officers, Supervisors and Anganwadi Workers have been directed to ensure regular and adequate supplies of supplementary nutrition to the beneficiaries.

Streamlining Literacy Programme in Bihar

† 316. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to" state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Central Government to streamline the Literacy Programme, to set up Primary Schools in every village, to build the buildings therefor and to provide mid-day meals to poor children in Bihar, the backward State of the country;

(b) the quantum of amount allocated, district-wise by the Central Government for the purpose during the last three years and till date; and

(c) the details of success and achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Central Government has been taking a number of initiatives to universalisc education in Bihar.

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